

1 I claim:

2 1. A combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold  
3 system comprising:

4 a shield and temporary work surface panel sized and  
5 shaped to substantially overlay the entirety of a  
6 bathtub to be protected; and

7 an adjustable positioning unit which includes a bracket  
8 member for attachment to set shield and temporary  
9 work surface panel and for supporting and oriented  
10 and an adjustable foot member, said adjustable foot  
11 member including a threaded rod which is threadingly  
12 engaged with said bracket member near one end of  
13 said threaded rod and having a foot pad member  
14 attached to the other end of said threaded rod.  
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1           2.       A method for protecting the bathtub against damage  
2                   during construction or remodeling and for providing a  
3                   temporary scaffold comprising the steps of:

4                   selecting a combination bathtub protection and  
5                   temporary scaffold system comprising:

6                   a shield and temporary work surface panel sized  
7                   and shaped to substantially overlay the  
8                   entirety of a bathtub to be protected; and  
9                   an adjustable positioning unit which includes

10                  a bracket member for attachment to set  
11                  shield and temporary work surface panel  
12                  and for supporting and oriented and an  
13                  adjustable foot member, said adjustable  
14                  foot member including a threaded rod which  
15                  is threadingly engaged with said bracket  
16                  member near one end of said threaded rod  
17                  and having a foot pad member attached to  
18                  the other end of said threaded rod;

19                  attaching said adjustable positioning unit to said shield  
20                  and temporary work surface panel at a position  
21                  whereby, when said shield and temporary work surface  
22                  panel is placed atop said bathtub with said  
23                  adjustable positioning unit extending into the  
24                  interior of said bathtub, said adjustable  
25                  positioning unit, when adjusted, will apply force

1                   against an interior surface of a first side of said  
2                   bathtub to lodge said shield and temporary work  
3                   surface panel against a vertical surface which  
4                   juxtaposes the upper margin of a second, opposite  
5                   side of said bathtub for securely maintaining said  
6                   system in position relative to said bathtub;  
7                   adjusting said adjustable positioning unit; and  
8                   placing said shield and temporary work surface panel atop  
9                   said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit  
10                  extending into said interior of said bathtub and  
11                  with said foot member contacting said interior  
12                  surface of said first side of said bathtub.